

# State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY  
GOVERNOR

## LITERACY AWARENESS MONTH

2007

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, according to the North Carolina Community College System, 20% of adults in North Carolina demonstrate low literacy skills, which severely impact their ability to live normally, work productively, and participate fully as citizens and residents of our State; and

WHEREAS, according to the North Carolina Community College System, 50% of adults in North Carolina are unable to obtain a high school diploma, struggle to secure a livable wage for themselves and their families, and do not have access to adequate health care because they lack necessary reading and life skills; and

WHEREAS, according to the North Carolina Community College System, North Carolina's community colleges, literacy councils, libraries, and community-based organizations helped 106,474 North Carolinians learn basic life skills and improve their ability to read and write; and

WHEREAS, according to the North Carolina Community College System, of these 106,474 North Carolinians, over 18,584 earned adult high school credentials, 28,949 improved their English language skills, 2,739 enhanced their workplace performance, 58,941 increased their basic literacy skills, and 2,430 worked with their families to become better educated; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Literacy Association and the North Carolina Community College System highlight the economic and societal importance of literacy in North Carolina's communities by working to sponsor observances of Literacy Month;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 2007, as "**LITERACY AWARENESS MONTH**" in North Carolina and challenge my fellow citizens to become invested in eliminating illiteracy in our state.



*Michael F. Easley*  
MICHAEL F. EASLEY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-first day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand and seven, and the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-second.